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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you say that if we allow the employee to have some say-so about his or her...how his or her money is spent, the employee probably would feel that his or her rights were abridged by them having a say-so. We're not talking about the money being extorted from them pursuant to an agreement with the employee. (LB) 829 allows the extortion. Thirteen six...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The employee...the employee, Senator Chambers, will have an opportunity to participate, but it will be in respect of the collective bargaining process. They will do it through the established channels of collective bargaining.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then how about if we put some language that relates to that to make it crystal clear that the Legislature understands and intends that the employee shall have say-so in how this money is spent?

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Already?

SENATOR WILL: Already, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem. Senator Withem waives. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I'd give my time to Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Brashear, oh, where is Senator Brashear?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Brashear, once or twice I heard you mention a trust fund and I'm assuming it's your belief that there is a trust fund created from which the company will pay out dollars for the amounts or for the programs that are allowed by 829. Is that the assumption? Is that the kind of a trust fund we're talking about?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I didn't know I'd used the term several